

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ PTO-1449 and/or PTO-892 listing the patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office (except U.S. patent applications).
- ☒ A legible copy of each item listed on PTO-1449.

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I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date in an envelope as first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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